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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2004, Applicants request that the present application be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of March 11, 2004 has been received and considered. In the Office Action, claims 24-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Claims 24-36 have not been amended. Claims 24-36 remain pending. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 24-29, 31 and 33-35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,199,442 to Seager et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,411,548 to Carman. As discussed below, the patents to Seager and Carman, while both disclosing probes